

Extract of the States General their Resolution.

Thursday, 28th. October. 1688.

UPon mature deliberation, it is found fit, and resolved, that notice be given to all their Ministers abroad, of all the Reasons which induce their H. and M. to assist the Prince of *Orange*, going over to *England* in Person, with Ships and Forces, with Orders to the said Ministers, to make use thereof in the several Courts where they reside, as they shall think most convenient; and that it be also writ to the said Ministers, that it is known to all the World, that the *English* Nation, hath of a good while, very much murmur'd and complained, that the King (no doubt, with the Evil Council, and inducement of his Ministers) had gained upon their Fundamental Laws, and laboured through the violation thereof; and by the bringing in the *Roman* Catholick Religion, to oppress their Liberty, and to ruine the Protestant Religion, and to bring all under an Arbitrary Government: That as this inverted and unjust Conduct was carried on more and more, and that the apprehensions thereupon were still greater, and that thereby such diffidence, and aversion, was stirred up against the King, that nothing was to be expected in that Kingdom but general disorder and confusion. His Highness the Prince of *Orange*, upon the manifold representations, and the reiterated and earnest desire, which was made to His Highness by several Lords, and other Persons of great consideration in that Kingdom; as also upon the account, that Her Royal Highness, and His Highness Himself, are so highly concerned in the Welfare of that Kingdom, could not well endure, that through strife and division, they should run the danger, however it went, of being excluded from the Crown, held himself obliged to watch over the Welfare of that Kingdom, and to take care thereof; and also had the thoughts of assisting the Nation, and giving them a helping hand, upon so many Just and Good Grounds, against the Government that Oppressed them in all manner of ways that lay in his Highness Power, for that His Highness was perswaded that the Welfare of this State (the Care whereof is also entrusted to him) was in the highest manner concerned, that the said Kingdom might continue in Tranquillity, and that all misunderstanding between the King and the Nation might be taken away. That His Highness well knowing, that to succeed in so Important and Laudable a Cause, and not to be hindered and prevented by those that were Evil inclined towards it, it was necessary to pass over into that Kingdom accompanied with some Military Forces, hath thereupon made known his Intentions to their Highness, and desired assistance from their Highness, that their Highness having maturely weighed all things, and considered that the King of *France*, and *Great Britain*, stood in very good Correspondence and Friendship one with the other, which their Highness have been frequently very well assured of, and in a strict and particular Alliance; and that their Highnesses were informed and advertised, that their Majesties had laboured upon a concert, to divide and separate this State from its Alliances; and that the King of *France* hath upon several occasions shew'd himself dissatisfied with this State, which gave cause to fear and apprehend, that in case the King of *Great Britain* should happen to compass his aim within his Kingdom, and obtain an absolute power over his People, that then both Kings, out of Interest of State, and Hatred and Zeal against the Protestant Religion, would endeavour to bring this State to Confusion, and if possible, quite to Subject it, have resolved to commend His Highness in his undertaking of the abovesaid Designs, and to grant to him, for his Assistance, some Ships and Militia, as Auxiliaries; that in pursuance thereof, His Highness hath declared to their Highness, that he is resolved, with Gods Grace and Favour, to go over into *England*, not with the least insight or intention to invade or Subdue that Kingdom, or to remove the King from the Throne, much less to make himself Master thereof, or to invert, or prejudice the Lawful Succession, as also not to drive thence, or persecute, the *Roman* Catholics, but only and solely to help that Nation in Re-establishing the Laws and Priviledges that have been broken, as also in maintaining their Religion and Liberty, and to that end, to further and bring it about, that a free and lawful Parliament may be call'd in such manner, and of such Persons, as is regulated and qualified by the Laws and Form of that Government, and that the said Parliament may deliberate upon, and establish, all such matters as shall be judged necessary to assure and secure the Lords, the Clergy, Gentry, and People, that their Rights, Laws and Priviledges, shall be no more violated or broken, that their High and Mightinesses hope and trust, that with Gods blessing, the Repose and Unity of that Kingdom shall be Re-established, and the same be thereby brought into a condition, to be able, powerfully, to concur to the common benefit of *Christendom*, and to the restoring and maintaining of Peace and Tranquillity in *Europe*. That Copies hereof be delivered to all their Foreign Ministers, residing here, to be used by them as they shall see occasion.

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